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NOTE FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Presidential Veto of Continuing Resolution -- Effect on CIA

1. OMB has scheduled meetings today and tomorrow to discuss with the agencies the effect of operating without a Continuing Resolution. Representatives of cabinet level agencies will meet today at 1700, and smaller agencies (including CIA) will meet tomorrow at 1000. We are requested not to send lawyers. They want policy level officers mentioning agency heads or deputies. I am told [redacted] received a similar call. I would like some guidance from you on attendants and strategy.

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2. I think this is a budget execution matter in which CIA should have representation. If you agree, appropriate attendants would be you, Harry Fitzwater, or me. Both Harry or I are available should you not wish to go.

3. The latest OMB guidance is attached. I believe you should take the stance that the CIA's sole mission is to protect the national security of the United States, and our activity is covered under Exemption 1. However, operation without a Continuing Resolution would force us to delay all non-essential travel, defer initiation of any pending contractual actions, and restrict any high visibility activities. Such a posture would make operations more difficult but they would not substantially impede them.

4. If possible please give me your guidance on this subject this evening.

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Attachment: a/s

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